

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 8 February 2011

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
John W. Flynn	X		
Wallace Gernt	X		
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)			X
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 18 January 2011 Project Review Committee-I meeting were adopted as submitted A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eight in favor with none opposed (8-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Flynn, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Rhode Island Hospital** [Lifespan Corporation] for Certificate of Need to combine The Miriam Hospital's and Rhode Island

Hospital's open heart surgery programs on the campus of Rhode Island Hospital and add one hybrid operating room.

Mr. Zimmerman, President of Spectrum Research, Inc. and consultant to the Department of Health, presented a PowerPoint presentation which summarized his report on the application. He answered Council's questions and discussed reasons for the decline in open heart surgery which included PCI and drug eluting stents. The applicant agreed with Mr. Zimmerman's findings.

Mr. Lonardo questioned the applicant regarding cost savings of the proposal. The applicant noted that the proposal would control the rate of growth in healthcare cost increases.

Mr. Gernt made a motion to approve the application, and Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. The Council discussed the conditions of approval.

Mr. Gernt noted the condition of approval that the applicant will begin enrollment into CurrentCare within six months of approval.

Mr. Gernt recommended that a condition of approval be placed on the applicant to report to the state agency in six months an outline of what is being done with Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital with regards to a single license. Mr. Donahue stated his agreement. Mr. Gernt said he wants to see action items as to what Lifespan is going to be doing with regards to single license issues. There was discussion between the Council and the applicant. The applicant stated that Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital intend to be a single license with a single name. The applicant agreed to the condition of approval that the applicant will provide by 1 October 2011 a timeline by which Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital will be going through the application process for a single license.

Mr. Donahue recommended that the \$660,000 of cost savings represented by the applicant be a condition of approval. He noted that the applicant represented these efficiencies. There was discussion and the applicant agreed to such a condition of approval.

Ms. Lapierre inquired whether the applicant could commit to a timeline for enrollment in CurrentCare for the other clinics. The applicant noted their support for CurrentCare but had concerns about committing to a timeline for each clinic. The applicant noted their acceptance of a six month timeline for beginning enrollment into CurrentCare.

The motion was passed by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Flynn, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden.

The next item on the agenda was the Change Order Request of **Rhode Island Hospital** [Lifespan Corporation] to the 31 May 2006 approval of the Certificate of Need to expand and upgrade inpatient beds through construction of a three story addition above the Bridge Building, renovation of Jane Brown North Building and 10th floor of the Main Building, and decanting of the Jane Brown South Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Mr. Flynn and passed by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Flynn, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden.

Dr. Babineau, President of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, noted that he would not be available for a Health Services Council meeting if it were to be held on 22 February 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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